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SUBJ: LOWER HOUSE ELECTION: THE WINNER IN PHUOC LONG

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1. WINNING CANDIDATE IN PHUOC LONG IS NGUYEN BA LUONG, 65, FORMER CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY DEPUTY. BUDDHIST. LUONG OVERCAME CHALLENGE FROM OTHER CANDIDATES WHO TRIED TO BREAK LUONG'S ACROSS-THE-BOARD STRENGTH BY APPEALING TO BLOCS.

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DURING CAMPAIGN LUONG'S RIVALS ATTEMPTED TO SPEAK AS "CATHOLIC" CANDIDATES OR "MONTAGNARD" CANDIDATES. LUONG, THOUGH HIS PERFORMANCE IN CA WAS ONLY AVERAGE, ENJOYS REPUTATION IN PHUOC LONG OF OUTSPOKEN AND VIGOROUS OPPOSITION TO CORRUPTION OF PROVICINCIAL AD-MINISTRATION.

2. TURNOUT OF 17,340 VOTERS (82.6 PERCENT) IN PHUOC

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